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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Haruo TANAKA

Application No.: 09/447,419

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For: ORGANIC EL DEVICE AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Confirmation No.: 3789

Group Art Unit: 2879

Examiner: M. Santiago

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002, (Paper No. 11), the period for response to which having been extended through March 9, 2003 by a petition for an extension of time. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An organic EL device comprising:
- a lower electrode formed on a substrate;
 - an organic EL layer formed on the lower electrode;
 - an upper electrode formed on the organic EL layer;
 - a sealing member for sealing said lower electrode, organic EL layer and upper electrode on said substrate so that they are covered with the sealing member, wherein said sealing member is further comprised of an aluminum material and is coated with an absorbing material made of a porous aluminum oxide.

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